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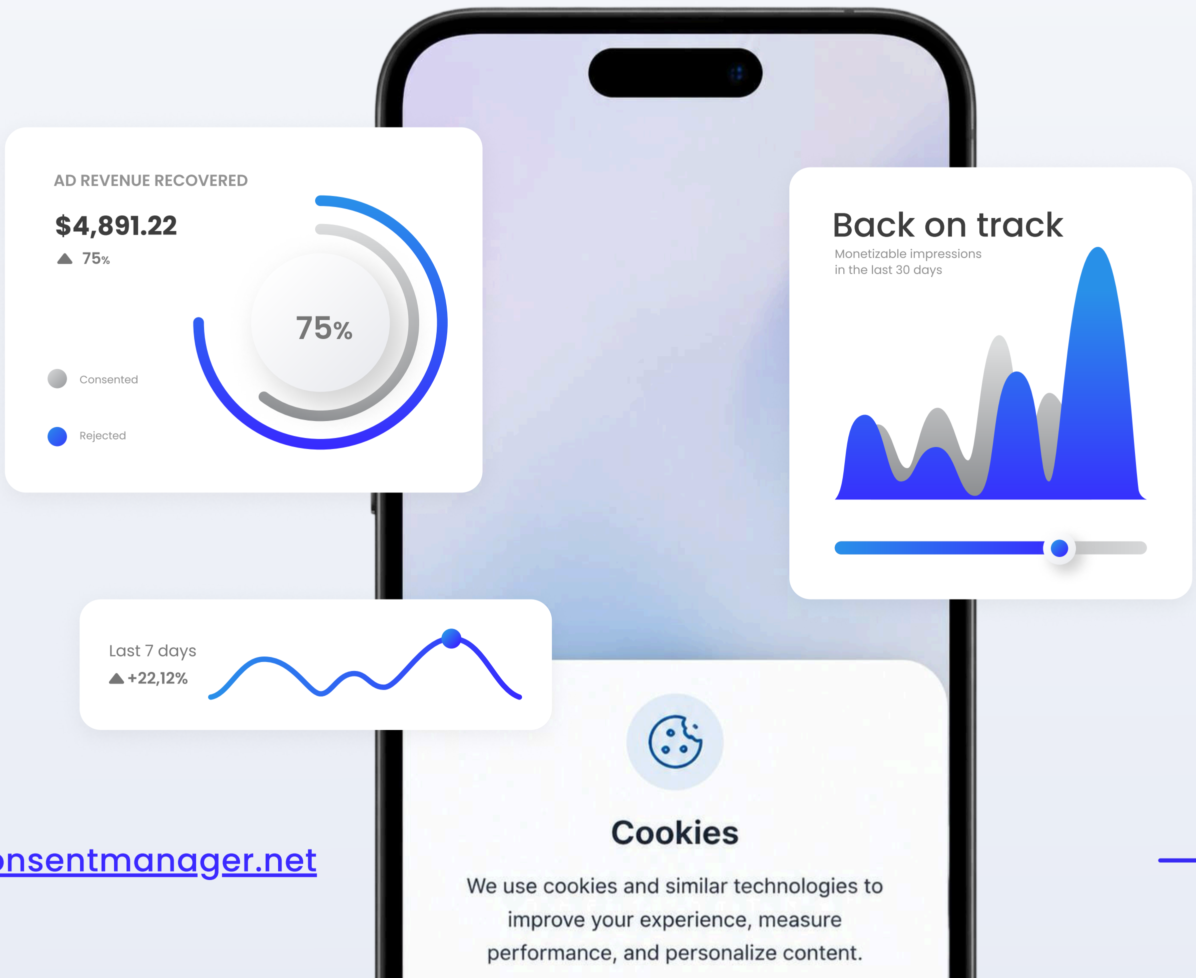
What separates basic consent collection from real optimization



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5 consent issues silently cutting into your revenue

Your ad revenue isn't where it should be. You've checked the obvious things. Traffic looks fine. Ad partners are in place. Yet the numbers don't add up. The problem is usually hiding in your consent setup. These five issues fly under the radar for most publishers, quietly draining revenue every day.

1 No one knows the current consent rate

Ask three people on your team what your consent acceptance rate is. If you get three different answers (or blank stares), that's a problem. This number determines whether visitors see high-CPM personalized ads or low-paying filler. The difference is roughly 10x.

Quick check: Can you pull up your consent rate right now, segmented by device and country?
The opportunity: If not, you've found a visibility gap that's almost certainly hiding revenue leaks.

2 The banner hasn't changed since launch

Design trends change. User expectations change. Best practices evolve. If your banner looks exactly like it did two years ago, it's probably underperforming. Small tweaks to buttons, colors, and copy can shift consent rates by 10-20%.

Quick check: When was the last A/B test on your consent banner?
The opportunity: If nobody's tested anything, the first test almost always finds improvement.

3 Mobile and desktop get the same treatment

Mobile users navigate with thumbs. Desktop users have a full screen and a cursor. They behave differently, yet most setups serve identical banners to both. Mobile-specific optimizations (like button placement for thumb reach) are low-hanging fruit most publishers ignore.

Quick check: Does your banner have separate designs for mobile vs. desktop?
The opportunity: Mobile optimization alone can deliver double-digit improvements.

4 No one's checked if ad partners are firing

Publishers assume their ad stack works correctly. But configuration drift happens. A major partner might only be active on 15% of pages due to a template error, and no one notices for months.

Quick check: Do you have monitoring that verifies your top 10 partners fire on 100% of eligible pages?
The opportunity: A quick audit often reveals partners missing from significant portions of inventory.

5 No one knows where the CMP servers are

Every consent signal travels to your CMP's servers and back. If those servers are on a different continent from your traffic, you're adding 100+ ms of latency to every page load. That slows ad rendering, meaning lost impressions when users scroll before ads appear.

Quick check: Where are your CMP's data centers? Where's most of your traffic?
The opportunity: Geographic mismatch means immediate opportunity for revenue gains.

How many of these apply to you?

Issues found	What it means
0-1	You're in good shape, or you need to dig deeper.
2-3	Common situation. There's likely meaningful revenue to recover.
4-5	Significant opportunity. Someone should own this immediately.

Want to know exactly where you stand?

We can run a free diagnostic that answers all five questions for your specific setup. You'll see your actual numbers and get a clear picture of what's working and what's not.

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